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Hon. Clifford W. Taylor Chief Justice, Michigan Supreme Court P.O. Box 30052 Lansing, MI 48909

RE: ADM File No. 2006-05 Proposed Amendment of Rules 6.610, 6.625, and 7.103 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Chief Justice Taylor:

At the October 17, 2006 meeting of the Michigan Judges Association, the Rules Committee and the Executive Board considered the above-referenced proposed amendments.

MJA supports the proposed amendment with one suggested change. We suggest that in Rule 6.610 the request for a lawyer must be made within 14 days after sentencing; and that in Rule 6.625 the Court must make appointment of counsel within 14 days rather than 7 days. MJA thinks that the 7-day time period is too short.

We thank the Court for considering our input on these matters. If the Michigan Judges Association may provide any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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